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Ms. Jocelyn D. Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

RE:

Joint Application for Approval of the Sale of Assets and Transfer of Facilities, Territory and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from Synergy Utilities, L.P. to South Carolina Water Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2021-130-S.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As the record will reflect, I represent the joint applicants in the above docket. The Public Service Commission has requested that the parties update it on the status of the settlement negotiations. Synergy Utilities, LP, South Carolina Water Utilities and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") have reached an agreement in principle and have agreed upon settlement language. Counsel for the Orangeburg Department of Utilities ("Orangeburg") informs that his client is willing to accept the transfer of the Northwoods sewer system, and Orangeburg and the Joint Applicants are negotiating the terms of the transfer document. This process has taken longer than the Joint Applicants anticipated. It is my understanding that once Orangeburg is satisfied with the terms of the transfer document, it will be prepared to enter an agreement settling all issues in the docket. It is my further understanding that once Orangeburg agrees to accept the transfer of the Northwoods sewer system, the Northwoods Homeowners Association will be prepared to enter a settlement of all issues in the docket. I do not believe that scheduling a hearing in this matter would prove to be constructive. I would recommend that the Hearing Officer schedule a status conference to discuss the progress of negotiations. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

ELLIOTT & ELLIOTT, P.A.

Scott Elliott

SE/lbk

cc: All parties of record (Via Electronic Mail)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of Elliott & Elliott, P. A. does hereby certify that (s)he has served below listed parties with a copy of the pleading(s) indicated below by mailing a copy of same to them via Electronic Mail on the date indicate below:

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